

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, replace the paragraph at lines 19-21 with the following:
Oligomeric procyanidins, isolated from grape seeds or other plant parts, are very good antioxidants, which are useful in cosmetics. Procyanidins are polyphenols on the basis of catechin [und] and epicatechin.

At page 2, replace the paragraph at lines 23-27 with the following:
The present invention is based [on] of the surprising finding that oligomeric procyanidins in an aqueous solution are stabilized by the addition of tocopherols, which are introduced into the aqueous solution by means of cosmetic solubilizers, such as PEG-40 hydrogenated castor oil. On the other hand, stability of the tocopherols is improved by the presence of oligomeric procyanidins.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim:

1. A hair treatment product for protecting hair against damage on heat drying, against environmental influences and hair treatments as well as for protecting other components of said hair treatment product against oxidation and degradation, said hair treatment product comprising [in] an aqueous phase of a mixture of (a) water soluble procyanidins and (b) oil soluble free tocopherols, [both components having an affinity to the hair] in an effective amount for adsorption of the tocopherols on the hair surface.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is requested.
Applicants have amended the specification to correct clerical errors. Applicants have also enclosed a certified copy of the priority document for this application, namely Swiss Application No. 2520/00.

With respect to the declaration filed in this case, the declaration does